



Date: June 20, 2014

To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations
Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: Summer Updates from the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

TRANSITIONS

I would like to recognize the service of Meg Riding, Executive Secretary, and wish her the best as she transitions from OPM to the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. I welcome Amy Tibor, Executive Secretary, to OPM. Ms. Tibor will be the primary contact for the Office of the Nonprofit Liaison.

Brittany Kaplan, Public Policy Intern to the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison, will be leaving in late August to continue her public policy studies and begin an M.P.A./J.D. dual degree at UConn Law School. Ms. Kaplan has played an essential role in coordinating the Uniform Licensing process, as well as with the Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services' work groups and subcommittees. I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THESE EMAILS DIRECTLY

To receive occasional updates from the Nonprofit Liaison directly, email Amy Tibor at Amy.Tibor@ct.gov and request to be added on to the Nonprofit Liaison mailing list.

NEXT STEPS FOR THE NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM

Governor Malloy's FY 15 legislative package included an additional \$30 million in bond funding available for nonprofit health and human service providers, creating a total grant amount of \$50 million. The legislature supported this additional funding. The enabling legislation allows the OPM Secretary to allocate up to \$20 million of FY15 funding to applications received in response to the FY14 round of Nonprofit Grant Program funding.

Below is the revised statutory language - underlined words indicate added language, brackets indicate deleted language.

PA 14-98 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS...

For the Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that receive funds from the state to provide direct health or human services to state agency clients, for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence, [and] purchase of vehicles and acquisition of property, not exceeding [~~\$ 20,000,000~~] \$50,000,000, \$20,000,000 of which may be allocated to project applications received in response to the funding for this purpose provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 13 of public act 13-239.

OPM will be providing an update about how FY15 funding will be issued soon. Find updates and further information about the Nonprofit Grant Program [here](#).

Also – make sure that your organization is signed up to receive daily procurement notices from the CT Department of Administrative Services. This is the best way to keep apprised of state funding opportunities, including the Nonprofit Grant Program.

Department of Administrative Services

[Up to date information about pending RFPs](#)

The Judicial Branch provides email alerts as well:

Judicial Branch

[Judicial RFPs](#)

2014 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REVIEW

Legislative Highlights

PA 14-98	AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS Nonprofit Grant Program (sections 76, 87, 92)
PA 14-217	AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015.False Claims Act (sections 1-18, 257)
PA 14-162	AN ACT CONCERNING PROVIDER AUDITS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM
PA 14-159	AN ACT CONCERNING EMPLOYERS AND HOME CARE WORKERS (on site “companionship services” payment provisions)
PA 14-128	AN ACT CREATING PARITY BETWEEN PAID SICK LEAVE BENEFITS AND OTHER EMPLOYER-PROVIDED BENEFITS (“year” means any 365 day period used by an employer to calculate employee benefits)

Link to healthcare summary developed by Anne Foley, Under Secretary, OPM:
http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/healthcarereform_2014_session.pdf

Link to Long Term Supports and Services Legislation Passed in the 2014 Session, developed by David J Guttchen, OPM
http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/LTC_Legislation_2014_Session.pdf

Link to Legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis FY15 budget documents: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa/add-budinfo15.asp> see IV. Legislative Budget (PA 14-47 as amended by HB 5597)

GOV. MALLOY LAUNCHES DATA.CT.GOV TO GIVE PUBLIC UNPRECEDENTED AMOUNT OF ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT DATA

March 31, 2014 – “Launched earlier this spring, the CT OPEN Data Portal is Connecticut’s new open data portal that allows widespread amounts of raw government data to be collected, placed on the internet, and shared with the public in an effort to increase government efficiency and transparency. The website can be visited at Data.CT.gov.

“Data.CT.gov includes lists, tables, charts, graphs or other non-narrative forms of data that is generally statistical or factual. This data is collected by executive branch agencies and uploaded to the portal.” The site is continuously evolving and data sets will continue to be added and updated.

The public is also encouraged to request data sets that are not yet listed on the portal. Requests can be submitted [here](#).

The Governor has designated Tyler Kleykamp as Chief Data Officer.

The Office of the Nonprofit Liaison is working with Mr. Kleykamp to assure nonprofit input and content.

GOV. MALLOY: NEW UNIFORM LICENSING PROCESS WILL INCREASE EFFICIENCY FOR STATE, PROVIDERS

April 29, 2014: Governor Dannel P. Malloy recently announced the roll out of the new [Uniform Licensing](#) process, developed through collaboration among the Departments of Children and Families (DCF), Developmental Services (DDS), Public Health (DPH) and Administrative Services (DAS). The new licensing process covers fourteen different license types and includes a single, fillable application, as well as a web-based filing and storage system for required licensing documents.

The goal in developing this common application and utilizing the web-based system is to improve the efficiency of the licensing process by consolidating the requirements of each agency's licensing process and eliminating unnecessary duplication of documents submitted for licensing purposes.

The Office of the Nonprofit Liaison has played an integral role in the coordination of this new process by facilitating discussions and decisions across the state agencies involved. We were able to reduce the number of documents necessary in the licensing process, while bringing uniformity to the licensing application. We also reached out to nonprofit providers for feedback during the creation of the BIZNET filing system. As the process continues to roll out to more applicants, we will continue to facilitate improvements and explore the inclusion of additional license types.

The Uniform Licensing application and web-based filing system is being hosted by the Department of Administrative Services BIZNET site. For more information about the Uniform Licensing process, including a list of the included license types, please visit the department's [website](#).

There are several training resources available for providers. The materials developed by Public Policy Intern, Brittany Kaplan, include an informative video, Power Point presentation and a "Frequently Asked Questions" page. They can be found [here](#), listed under the "Important Licensing Links" section.

2014 GOVERNOR'S CABINET ON NONPROFIT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The 2014 Governor's Cabinet on Nonprofit Health and Human Services has begun to research and formulate this year's recommendations. For 2014, the Cabinet has convened three work groups:

- [Nonprofit Employment Data Work Group](#)
- [Contract Procurement and Administration Work Group](#)
- [Business Practice Work Group](#)

Cabinet and work group meetings are open to the public. Sign up to be sure that you receive updates and meeting notices. To be included on notifications for the Cabinet and/or work group meetings and mailings contact Amy Tibor at Amy.Tibor@ct.gov

The full Cabinet website, including the 2013 Report to the Governor and upcoming meeting dates can be viewed [here](#).

2014 Cabinet Meeting Schedule		
Date	Time	Location
Friday, 9/12/14	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Office Bldg. - Room 1B
Thursday, 10/30/14	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Legislative Office Bldg. - Room 1B

OPM WEBSITE UPDATES

Valerie Clark of OPM has been making some helpful changes to the OPM Office of Finance website, including an updated Purchase of Service (POS) [webpage](#), which includes information on the new

Uniform Chart of Accounts, as well as a new POS Efficiency Report [webpage](#), including the report and POS agency responses.

INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICE IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP

Governor Malloy has established a Working Group on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Service Improvement, to which I have been appointed.

Governor Malloy has named Jonathan Slifka, the Governor's Liaison to the Disability Community, and Tom Fiorentino, a parent of a member of the IDD community, as co-chairs. The Working Group will be composed of individuals and family members of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, as well as advocates and other stakeholders. The group is charged with examining gaps in existing IDD services, and identifying best practices and opportunities to improve provision of those services. The group is asked to issue a report with its findings by December 15, 2014.

M.O.R.E. COMMISSION: REGIONAL HUMAN SERVICE COORDINATING COUNCILS

Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 17a-760, updated in 2013, establishes 9 regional human service coordinating councils, that may be comprised of nonprofit providers, family advocacy groups, municipal elected officials, workforce development boards, and the Commissioners of Developmental Services, Social Services, Children and Families, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Correction, Education and Public Health, or said commissioners' designees, and the executive director of the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, or the executive director's designee.

Each regional human services coordinating council established under this section will ensure that regional plans and activities are coordinated with the human service needs of each region, and develop approaches to improve service delivery and achieve cost savings in the region.

This is the time for nonprofit organizations to contact their local planning regions to become involved in the process.

The legislation can be read [here](#) and a map of the 9 OPM designated planning regions can be viewed [here](#).

MEETING WITH YOU

I welcome the opportunity to meet with your associations and your boards of directors. You can contact me at Terry.Edelstein@ct.gov to arrange a meeting.

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